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ARMS ACT AND RULES - Licensing of air-pistols, air guns, and air-rifles - Instructions - Issued.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

G.O.MS.NO.3888. Dated 2nd October 1950,
Read the following:--

G.O.~~Ms~~.No.117, Judl(Magl) dated 21.3.1924.
G.O.~~Ms~~.No.1200 Public dated 19.9.1932.
From the Collector of Coimbatore No.5208/49, M.D.I. M. dated 20.9.1949 and 26.9.1949.
From the Collector of Nilgiris, L.Dis.No. 2046/49, dated 30-9-1949.
From the Commissioner of Police, Rc.No.~~410/11~~ 4 I.O II E.I./49, dated 3.12.1949.
From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Letter No.9/145/49, Police, dated 10.4.1950.

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O R D E R:

In G.O.No.117 Judicial (Magl) dated 21-3-1924, licensing authroities were informed that a licence fee of annas should be charged for licences for the possession of air - guns and air-rifles and in G.O. No.1200 Public dated 19.9.1932 instructions were issued that air-gunds and air-pistols, which do not satisfy the test prescribed in item (iii) of entry 2 in Schedule II ~~xx~~ to the Indian Arms Rules, 1924, are deadly weapons and that under entry 1 in the same schedule, the probibitions and directions contained in the Indian Arms Act, 1878, apply to such weapons.

2. It has, however, been observed that no uniform policy is followed by the licensing authrorities in this State in the licensing of air guns, air pistols and air rifles and hence the Covernment of India were addressed for a clarification of the position.

The Government of India have stated that all air-guns and air pistols, except those which satisfy the test laid-down under item (iii) of entry 2 of Schedule II to the Indian Arm Rules, are subject all the prohibitions and directions contained in the Arms Act. As regards air-rifles they have stated that though it is true that these weapons are not mentioned in item (iii) of entry 2, in Sche Schedule II, they do not consider that any amendment to the Arms Rules is necessary on that account, becuase air-rifles which are found to be of adangerous character can be treated as "arms" and necessary restrictions imposed by the State Government.

3. In the circumstances explained by the Government of India, licensing authroities are informed that no licences need be issued for the possession of air-pistols, airguns, which satisfy the test laid down underitem(iii) of entry 2 of Schedule II of the Arms Rules. If any of these varieties of weapons do not satisfy the prescribed test, they should be treated as any other "arm" and their possession licensed under the provisions

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of the Arms Act. Air rifles which are found to be of dangerous character should lso be treated as "arms" and their possession licensed. As the weapons will come under "other arms" a licence ~~fee of~~ fee annas four only need be charged for the issue of each licence compare G.O.No.117 Judicial(Magl) dated 21.3.1924.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

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